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SUBJ: HOVEYDA'S TRIP TO BAGHDAD; BORDER CLOSURE APPROACHES

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1. PRIME MINISTER HOVEYDA'S MARCH 26-29 VISIT TO BAGHDAD INTER-
PRETED HERE AS SUCCESS WHICH INDICATES TWO COUNTRIES WILL NOT ONLY
SOLVE THEIR BORDER AND OTHER PROBLEMS BUT MAY COOPERATE IN
ESTABLISHING COLLECTIVE SECURITY ARRANGEMENT IN PERSIAN GULF. THIS
LATTER POINT CONTAINED IN REPORTER SHAPOUR NEMAZEE'S ACCOUNT OF A
SADDAM HUSSEIN BRIEFING CARRIED IN MARCH 29 KAYHAN INTERNATIONAL,
ALTHOUGH NEMAZEE TOLD TWO EMBOFFS FOLLOWING DAY HE THOUGHT
PROGRESS TOWARD SECURITY PACT WOULD BE SLOW, AND SHAKY IRAQI
GOVERNMENT MIGHT NOT LAST LONG ENOUGH FOR RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED.
IRAN HAS FREQUENTLY STATED THIS GOAL IN PAST, BUT OTHER COUNTRIES
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OF GULF AREA DID NOT TAKE IDEA SERIOUSLY BECAUSE THEY ASSUMED

IRAQI OPPOSITION WOULD HAMSTRING SUCH A MOVE. BAHRAIN HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT IRAN'S ROLE IN GULF (MANAMA 68) BASED IN PART ON IRAQI VIEWS; IF IRAQIS HAVE NOW DECIDED TO GO ALONG WITH IRANIANS IN COLLECTIVE SECURITY ARRANGEMENT, THEY WILL HAVE TO UNDO THEIR PAST EFFORTS TO AROUSE SUSPICIONS OF IRAN'S MOTIVES. HOVEYDA-HUSSEIN COMMUNIQUE NOTEWORTHY FOR ITS REPEATED MENTION OF QTE GOOD NEIGHBOURLY RELATIONS UNQTE AND FOR STATEMENT BOTH SIDES QTE REAFFIRMED THAT THEIR AREA SHOULD BE FREE FROM ANY FOREIGN INTERFERENCE. UNQTE.

2. IRAN-IRAQ COMMITTEES WORKING ON BORDER DELINEATION HAVE TOURED BORDER AREAS. GENDARMERIE MISSION HAS REPORT FROM IRANIAN GENDARMERIE OFFICER THAT 11 IRAQI AND 11 ALGERIAN MILITARY OFFICERS WILL ARRIVE MARCH 31 FOR DAY'S BRIEFING BEFORE GOING TO BORDER FOR 8 DAYS, APPARENTLY TO VERIFY BORDER CLOSURE. THE OFFICER, WHO WILL SERVE AS INTERPRETER IN TEHRAN, SAYS MORE ALGERIANS WILL ARRIVE TO PERMIT STATIONING OF 3 ALGERIAN OBSERVERS AT EACH BORDER CROSSING POINT. BARZANI AND HIS TROOPS ARE REPORTEDLY AWARE OF THESE ARRANGEMENTS, WHICH ARE EXPECTED TO BE IMPLEMENTED APRIL 1.

3. UN HIGH COMMISSION FOR REFUGEES REPRESENTATIVE HOMAN HERIMBERG VISITED TEHRAN MARCH 26-27. ACCORDING UN SOURCE UNHCR WILL SET UP PROGRAM IN IRAN FOR KURDISH REFUGEES, BUT WANTS NO PUBLICITY GIVEN TO ITS EFFORTS. NO DETAILS AVAILABLE AS TO WHEN OFFICE WOULD BE SET UP OR HOW IT WOULD BE STAFFED.
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